

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2670**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) to Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2670, as introduced, John A. Perez. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to repair and alter buildings within the Capitol area, as defined.

This bill would establish the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force consisting of the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, the Office of the Governor, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to coordinate, develop, and complete a State Capitol sustainability initiative to further the sustainability practices at the State Capitol Building, the Legislative Office Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) California's State Capitol opened in 1869, and is now 140
- 3 years old. In the mid-1970s, the State Capitol underwent a major
- 4 restoration and renovation, reopening to the public in 1982. As

1 one of the state's most historic and visible structures, the State  
2 Capitol presents a unique opportunity to showcase sustainable  
3 practices, demonstrate environmental leadership, and provide  
4 educational opportunities to its nearly 800,000 annual visitors.

5 (b) Operations at the State Capitol must become more  
6 sustainable, with our efforts focused on energy efficiency, water  
7 conservation, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, waste  
8 diversion and recycling, improvements in indoor air quality, the  
9 use of renewable energy sources, and the purchase of  
10 environmentally friendly products.

11 (c) The California State Legislature has instituted a number of  
12 these practices already, including replacing computer monitors  
13 with more energy-efficient flat screens, purchasing recycled content  
14 carpeting and other products, using low volatile organic compound  
15 paints, electronically distributing certain documents, and upgrading  
16 the fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet through the purchase of  
17 hybrids. These activities save money and protect the environment;  
18 however, clearly more can be done to implement sustainable  
19 practices in the State Capitol.

20 SEC. 2. Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) is added  
21 to Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code,  
22 to read:

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24 Article 4. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force  
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26 8195. There is hereby established the State Capitol  
27 Sustainability Task Force, referred to as the task force for purposes  
28 of this article, consisting of the California State Senate and the  
29 California State Assembly, the Office of the Governor, and the  
30 Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

31 8195.1. (a) The task force shall coordinate, develop, and  
32 complete a State Capitol sustainability initiative for the State  
33 Capitol, including the State Capitol Building, the Legislative Office  
34 Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

35 (b) The duties of the task force include the following:

36 (1) Joining the California Climate Action Registry to determine,  
37 track, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

38 (2) Benchmarking and monitoring building operations, such as  
39 energy and water use.

1 (3) Increasing the overall fuel economy and fuel diversity of  
2 the vehicle fleet.

3 (4) Improving waste diversion practices, such as material and  
4 electronic waste recycling, composting, and reusing materials.

5 (5) Investing in energy efficiency and water conservation  
6 technologies.

7 (6) Promoting environmentally preferable purchasing, such as  
8 green and recycled content products.

9 (7) Incorporating renewable energy, such as photovoltaic  
10 technology into our energy supply.

11 (8) Integrating sustainable practices, such as double-sided  
12 copying, the use of low volatile organic compound paints,  
13 integrated pest management, and electronic distribution of certain  
14 documents.

15 (9) Partnering with utility companies, water districts, labor  
16 organizations, environmental groups, federal and local government,  
17 and private industry to develop green demonstration projects at  
18 the State Capitol.

19 (10) Seeking a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
20 (LEED) or ENERGY STAR rating.

21 (11) Developing public education materials on sustainability  
22 for student groups and other visitors to the State Capitol.

23 (12) Finalizing the Capitol Park Master Plan.